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MOBILE CONNECTIONS BY BSNL IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile connections provided by the BSNL in Orissa so far;

(b) whether there is a demand for the sanction of additional mobile connections for Orissa in 2004-05; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has provided 287465 cellular mobile connections in Orissa as on 30.11.2004.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. There is a demand of additional mobile connections in Orissa and accordingly BSNL is in the process of expanding the network by additional 5 lakh capacity during the year 2005.